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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24: GUAM AND "MILITARY ACTIVITIES"

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1. AT AFTERNOON C-24 SESSION ON AUGUST 1, THE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT ON GUAM (A/AC.109/L.1182) WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. CHINA, SYRIA, THE USSR, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE LANGUAGE ON MILITARY BASES. C-24 CHAIRMAN SALIM THEN POSTPONED CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM ON "MILITARY ACTIVITIES..." UNTIL AUGUST 2 IN ORDER TO CONTINUE "NECESSARY" CONSULTATIONS.

2. MISOFF DISCUSSED US CONCERNS ABOUT THE LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT CONSENSUS (A/AC.109/L.1180) WITH MISOFFS FROM
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AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, FIJI, IRAN, SIERRA LEONE, AND TANZANIA (REFTEL). IN ALMOST ALL CASES, MISOFF HAD ALREADY COVERED THIS GROUND IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS.

3. RESPONSES IN GENERAL WERE ENCOURAGING. GHAFOURZAI (AFGHANISTAN) SAID HE WOULD TRY TO HELP. HASSAN

(INDONESIA) SAID THE GO WAS SEEKING TO AVOID STRONG LANGUAGE ON MILITARY BASES. LAL (FIJI) MADE SYMPATHETIC MOISES, AND FIJIAN PERM REP VUNIBOBO ALSO INDICATED HIS AWARENESS THT THE ISSUE WAS AT PLAY. DUBEY (INDIA) SHOWED MISOFF A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT FOR PARA 11, WHICH DELETES THE MOST OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE AND EXPRESSES THE VIEW THAT MILITARY BASES IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION, WHICH HE THEN SUBMITTED TO SALIM. NICOL (SIERRA LEONE) PROMISED TO RAISE THE ISSUE WITH HIS PERM REP, WHOM HE WAS AWAITING. ESFANDIARY (IRAN) (REF B) EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT HELPFUL AMENDMENTS WOULD BE ADOPTED. HE AND OTHERS INFORMED US THAT SALIM IS ACTIVELY SEEKING A COMPROMISE TEXT. FORRESTER (AUSTRALIA) PROVIDED INFORMATION ON INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE FOLLOWING THE C-24 MEETING. HE SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION IS IN A DIFFICULT POSITION BECAUSE HIS INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT ALLOW HIM TO "ACCEPT ANYTHING" ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND, CONSEQUENTLY, HE IS UNABLE TO BARGAIN FOR IMPROVED LANGUAGE. HE IS AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANBERRA. FORRESTER PREDICTED THAT IF SALIM FEELS ENOUGH PRESSURE FRO CHANGE, HE MAY FURTHER POSTPONE ACTION ON THE MILITARY ACTIVITIES LANGUAGE. THERE IS SOME CHANCE, IN FORRESTER'S VIEW, THAT THE PRESENT LANGUAGE MAY BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT MEETING. FORRESTER SAID THAT A COMPOSITE OF SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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AUSTRALIA, IVORY COAST, IRAN, SYRIA, AND IRAQ HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AT TODAY'S INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. KOLBY (NORWAY) EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL AND REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS ALREADY REPORTED ABOVE. TANZANIAN MISOFF NURU EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE TEXT WOULD BE AMENDED.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT DEMARCHES IN CAPITALS AND OUR EFFORTS HERE HAVE STRUCK A RESONANT CHORD AND THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE OF SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE DRAFT CONSENSUS. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS HERE IN NEW YORK.

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